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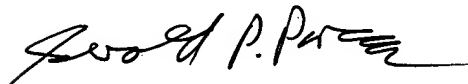
Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application, hand delivered to Group Art Unit 2181:

- (1) This Transmittal Letter (in triplicate);
- (2) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (4 pages);
- (3) Proprietary Document Transmittal (1 page);
- (4) PTO Form 1449 (1 page); and
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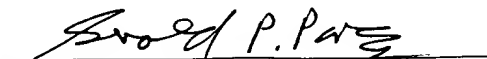
Enclosed in the attached envelope for consideration under the procedures of M.P.E.P. § 724 are redacted versions of the following two documents of the SD Group that are considered to contain trade secret information:

"SD Memory Card Specifications, Part 1, Physical Layer Specification, Version 1.0" dated March 22, 2000

"Supplementary Notes for: SD Memory Card Specifications, Part 1, Physical Layer Specification, Version 1.0, March 2000" dated June 2000

It is very important to the SD Group that these documents be held in confidence and, should the Examiner so decide, be returned to Applicants without becoming part of the application file.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, redacted versions of the following two documents considered to contain proprietary information are being filed herewith under seal for consideration by the Examiner under the provisions of M.P.E.P. § 724:

“SD Memory Card Specifications, Part 1, Physical Layer Specification, Version 1.0” dated March 22, 2000

Sections redacted:

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|-------|--------------|--|
| 4.3.5 | (pp. 30-31)  | Write Protect Management                   |
| 4.3.6 | (pp. 31-33)  | Card Lock/Unlock Operation (Optional)      |
| 4.3.7 | (pp. 33-34)  | Copyright Protection                       |
| 6.5   | (pp. 77-78)  | Programmable card output driver (Optional) |
| 7     | (pp. 84-103) | SPI Mode                                   |

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Portions redacted: The Change Description for items 3, 4 and 6.

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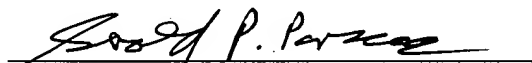
## REMARKS

This filing supplements a Responsive Amendment, Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Declaration of Applicants under 37 C.F.R. § 132, all filed together under a Certificate of Mailing on October 7, 2003. A simplified non-confidential public version of the complete SD Memory Card Specifications was included with that earlier filing. Other information in the complete SD Memory Card Specifications, particularly that of sections 4 – 7, inclusive, is considered by the SD Group to be proprietary and is licensed, along with additional information and proprietary rights, to members of the SD Card Association ([www.sdcard.org](http://www.sdcard.org)). Sections 4 – 7 of the complete SD Memory Card Specifications being filed herewith are not included in the simplified non-confidential public version previously filed in this application. The origin, use and relationship of the several SD Card Specification documents are further described in the earlier filed Declaration by all three of the applicants.

Review by the Examiner of the SD Memory Card Specifications being filed herewith is respectfully requested under the confidential provisions of M.P.E.P. § 724. The sections listed above that have been redacted from the filed versions of these documents are believed clearly not to include information material to the patentability of the present application claims. They have therefore been removed in order to additionally safeguard the confidentiality of the information. Review of the remaining sections being filed herewith with regard to at least 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103 and 112, first paragraph, is respectfully requested.

It is also believed that the remaining non-public sections do not contain information material to the patentability of the present application claims but confirmation of this by the Examiner is desired. A Petition will be filed shortly under 37 C.F.R. § 1.59(b) and M.P.E.P. § 724.06 to expunge the documents being filed herewith under seal from the patent application file and have them return to the applicants.

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